

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview of November 30, 2005. The examiner indicated that the Rule 116 Amendment filed on November 7, 2005 was not entered because it included amended claim 1 and 3 that allegedly require further search and/or consideration. Applicant is hereby submitting a second Amendment cancelling rejected claims 1, 3, 5, and 10. Since the Rule 116 Amendment filed on November 7, 2005 was not entered, the status of the allowed and objected to claims remains the same as the claims submitted in the November 7, 2005 Rule 116 Amendment.

By this amendment, claims 2, 4, 6-9 and 11-18 are pending. Rejected claims 1, 3, 5 and 10 are cancelled. Thus, the rejection of claims 1, 3, 5 and 10 are considered moot.

New claims 17 and 18 are added to eliminate the multiple dependency of originally filed dependent claims 11 and 13. In particular, new claim 17 includes the features of allowable dependent claim 11 and independent claim 3. New claim 18 includes the features of allowable dependent claim 13 and independent claim 3. No new matter is included. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 17 and 18 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 14-16 are allowed and that claims 2, 4, 6-9, and 11-13 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 2, 4, 6-9, and 11-13 are rewritten in independent form to place them in condition for allowance. Thus, the examiner is requested to allow claims 2, 4, 6-9, and 11-18.

If the Examiner feels that the disposition of the application could be expedited by speaking with Applicant's representative, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number shown below.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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